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In re Application of )  
Hirohisa KIKUYAMA et al. ) Art Group: 1765  
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Title: SURFACE TREATING FOR )  
MICROMACHINING AND METHOD )  
FOR SURFACE TREATMENT )

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
2200 Crystal Drive  
Arlington, VA 22202-3513

Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated October 10, 2002, having a due date of January 10, 2003, which has been extended by two months by the contemporaneously filed Petition of Extension of Time, now having a due date of March 10, 2003, Applicants hereby submit the following:

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 9 are pending and rejected in this application.

Responsive to the rejection of claims 1-4 and 9 under 35 USC § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 4,795,582

(Ohmi et al), Applicants hereby respectfully traverse this